

Jim Behrens Student of the Month



Jim Behrens is a student from Waverly, Iowa, in the Associate of Science in Radiography program at Allen College. After thirty-eight years, Jim has finally been given the chance to pursue his career goal by returning to school at Allen College.

Jim says entering this field of study has been a goal of his for a long time. He has enjoyed studying Anatomy and Physiology along with numerous other medically related topics for many years. He believes we all possess the desire to help others in need and hopes that pursuing this career will be his way of giving back.

Jim says that he has known about Allen College for years, but just recently became aware of the wide spectrum of programs that are offered with plans of continual growth. He says there were many factors that went in to choosing which postsecondary institution to attend, but the quality of education and proximity to home were what sold him.

He says that despite the challenges, choosing Allen College has been a positive decision for him. He believes this is what the Good Lord intended him to do with the life he's been given, and he could not have done any of this on his own. He believes in

asking for God's help and guidance daily. He would like to extend his thanks to those who have helped him get into college and his professors who try to crack new ideas into an old memory bank. He thanks his classmates who have accepted him as one of their own despite his advanced maturity.

Jim says that other than trying to graduate before social security kicks in, he's looking forward to passing the board tests and possibly pursuing a career in a Cath Lab at Allen.

Jim has been married to his beautiful wife Chris, for 31 years. Chris, also in the medical field, has been a nurse at Allen Hospital for almost 28 years. Jim & Chris have three children. Brandon, who is a surgeon in Portland, Oregon; Sam, who is a 6th grade teacher in Ankeny; and Jack, who is a junior at UNI studying finance and economics. They also have two cats. In his free time, he enjoys playing cards, games with his family, cooking, baking, and anything where he gets to spend time outdoors.

We salute **Jim Behrens** in our **Student Spotlight!**